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"Large and small hats will be fashionable this fall," says a fashion magazine. This is unfortunate, because some women will want to wear both.

Peary has been notified that he is a discoverer of the pole. This would be interesting if Peary hadn't already let the cat out of the bag.

Preparing a young man for the battle of life by paralyzing him from the hips down or by shattering his spine may seem reasonable to some of the college presidents, but it will be impossible to convince the parents of the unfortunate boy that the system is what it should be.

ADVICE FROM A PUGILIST.

Battling Nelson, champion lightweight pugilist of the world, addressed the pupils of the West Pullman school, which is part of the Chicago school system, upon invitation of Mrs. Harriette Taylor Treadwell, the principal, the other day. She invited "Bat" to talk to the children without the knowledge of the school authorities and consequently it is reported that Mrs. Edla Flagg Young, superintendent of schools, and Alfred R. Urien, president of the board of education, are amazed that a prizefighter should address school children under any circumstances. The principal explains her action by stating that "Bat" was a pupil of hers some years ago in a school at Hegewisch, his home town, and naturally she takes considerable pride in his success, even though gained in the prize ring.

But whatever may be done about it, the fact remains that the boys and girls of the West Pullman school have seen and heard "Bat" Nelson, the little giant, the fighting machine, the man who floundered the best ring general in the world, and who is now the top-notch fighter in his fighting class. They know, too, that "Bat" received the pin-money only after many a hard knock, actual and otherwise, for he told them so. And he gave them the impression that success is not gained without a hard struggle.

"There have been four lightweight champions in America," "Bat" said. "That makes one for every 25,000,000 people. So you see, boys, your chance is not very good. Take my advice and don't go in for pugilism. Learn to box, though, for it's good exercise, but don't use the knowledge you may learn to bully someone with less science than yourself. And don't smoke, chew or drink if you want to grow strong and keep healthy. Take lots of exercise,

and whatever you do, try and be the best at it."

Now we are not quite so sure that this advice, even though given by a prize fighter, will harm the children who heard it. We almost incline to the belief that a view that it is harmful is narrow-minded. It is not what Nelson said, however, to which objection is taken by the Chicago school authorities, but because a prize fighter gave it. Well, Nelson is a clean little fellow, saves his money, helps his family, and is one of the "top" in the fighting game, so it does not clearly follow that he is to be looked down upon because he has fought his way to the top. Physically, he is a perfect human machine, because he takes care of himself, and when he told the boys of the West Pullman school not to smoke, drink or chew this advice may have been good for them to hear, for standing before them they had a living example of what abstemiousness from such bad habits will do for one's physical self.

MONTGOMERY CAN'T WIN; OSBORN CAN.

John C. Shaw, the leading admiralty lawyer of Detroit, who is convinced that it is impossible for Judge Montgomery to win the republican nomination for Governor of Michigan, consequently urges support of Mr. Osborn. In a letter to the press Mr. Shaw writes:

Michigan should get away from Warner and Kelley, and again have a real live, big, strong man as governor. In the beginning Judge Montgomery was practically assured of the support of the legal profession, but in the views I now express, I know I voice the sentiment of some of the profession who signed a request for him to become a candidate.

Judge Montgomery's candidacy is so weakened by that of another good man from his own locality that I believe his chances are considered so hopeless that there is very little enthusiastic support for him throughout the state. With Judge Montgomery's home divided, there is an undoubted widespread feeling of apathy and hopelessness among his friends elsewhere in the state.

If primaries had been held a fortnight ago, I think no one would doubt that Mr. Kelley, working every corner of the state, while the judge sat at Lansing, would have been overwhelmingly elected over the Grand Rapids candidate. In this situation the demand for a big man who can win an election called forth a demand for the Hon. Chase S. Osborn to become, and announce himself, a candidate. If it had thought Judge Montgomery could have been elected I should have protested, as a friend, against Mr. Osborn being a candidate, as I know he did not desire to assume the responsibility at this time, although he did some years earlier.

With Mr. Osborn in the field, the labors of Mr. Kelley in the upper peninsula are wasted, and, instead of his getting a large vote there, Mr. Osborn will get a new mark in the upper peninsula majorities for a republican candidate.

I believe Mr. Osborn will get more votes in lower Michigan than either Grand Rapids candidate for the reason that he is equally able, and, further, because the people will believe that he can be elected, and no man who would otherwise support either of the so-called anti-machine candidates, wishes to waste his vote, when it might be the means of insuring a good government.

Judge Montgomery would make a good governor but cannot be nominated.

Mr. Osborn would also make a good governor and will be nominated. For some time it has appeared to me the unquestionable friendship to urge a great man like Judge Montgomery to defeat. He cannot well withdraw without the consent of the many friends whose importunities called upon him to make a sacrifice for the good of the people of this state. There is no longer any need of such sacrifices, and, further, it would seem unjust to demand a sacrifice which would only be in vain.

Mr. Osborn has all the ability and qualifications of a Montgomery, and, added to them, a magnetism and popularity that should insure success, and I only wish you were supporting him, because I know in time you will admire and support the administration he will give this state. He has all the good qualities that made the late Governor Pingree popular, but, from over 20 years of friendship, I know he can never make the Pingree errors nor be imposed upon by his advisers. I believe that no other two men in public life can be so nearly alike as are Mr. Osborn and our justly popular ex-president.

Houghton Department

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NEW SCHOOL LAWS TO AFFECT HOUGHTON CO. INSTITUTIONS

Board of Education of a High School Must Now Have Five Members— Tuition for Pupils to Other High Schools From Districts Where There Are Not 12 Grades Must Be Paid.

Another session of the gathering of the county school officers of Houghton county was held yesterday afternoon in the kindergarten room of the high school for the purpose of listening to the expounding of the meaning of the new school laws by Hon. L. L. Wright of Ironwood, state superintendent of public instruction. The meeting was held in accordance with a late ruling of the legislature, stating that the superintendent of public instruction must call a meeting of school officers once a year and instruct them in the school laws.

One of the most important features of the new laws dealt upon by Hon. Wright was the qualifications which go to make up a high school. The institution must have ten grades and a board of education consisting of five members. A number of Houghton county schools are going under the name of high school which are not complying with this ruling of the legislature.

A new law which will affect a larger number of schools is that in case there are not twelve grades in a school, the amount of their tuition to the nearest high school must be paid by the school board from the district money till they complete the high school course. A large number of Houghton county schools have less than twelve grades while the pupils who desire to have a high school education pay their own tuition to the school board of the nearest district. The old law made the paying of the tuition optional on the part of the board while now it is compulsory.

It was expected that both Mr. Wright and Deputy State Superintendent Keeler would attend the meeting yesterday, but Mr. Keeler was unable to be present. Mr. Wright conducted the meeting along very informal lines and anyone present was invited to ask questions whenever he chose.

At the forenoon session, Mr. Wright took up the changes made in the school laws by the last legislature, most of which applied to rural schools. Many points that were not entirely clear to some of those present were explained and the numerous questions asked showed that the school officers were deeply interested and are seeking to do their full duty by the schools under their charge.

Primary School Money.

At the meeting in the afternoon, Mr. Wright took up the proposed changes in the school laws which were likely to come up at the next legislative session, and recommended that Houghton county school men be on their guard to protect their interests. "One thing that is certain to come up during the next legislature," said Mr. Wright, "is the plethoric condition of the state primary school fund. Though in the upper peninsula counties no more money is received from the state than can be wisely expended in teachers' salaries, a very different condition prevails below the straits, where in some townships there is as much as \$20,000 on hand that cannot be used and the amount is increasing each year. In the whole state at the close of the school year last June, there was approximately \$3,000,000 in the township treasuries, distributed from the state primary school fund, which had not been expended. The amount which the state is required to appropriate each year is steadily increasing and the funds of the township treasuries are piling up proportionately. The law provides that all this money must be expended for teachers' salaries.

"There is a feeling all over the state that this law is wrong and that some change should be made. In consequence, I expect every member of the next legislature to come to the session with some sort of bill regulating this so-called evil. For my part, I should dislike to have any part of this fund diverted into other channels, but would advise a regulation withholding further appropriations to those townships which have unexpended funds on hand, until such funds had been expended. This would give the fellows who are maintaining up-to-date schools funds with which to carry on the good work, and do away with the useless fund that has piled up in the townships where a less liberal school policy has been followed.

School Book Laws.

"Another question that is likely to come up at the next legislative session is that of cheaper school books. Where the working population move from one place to another as often as do the mining men of the upper peninsula and the tenant farmers of the lower peninsula, the cost of school books is a hardship to the parents. Representative Straight at the last session exhibited two geographies of the same kind and by the same author, one of which had been purchased in Indiana for seventy-five cents and the other in Michigan for \$1.25. This is a concrete instance of the problem this state has to meet.

"In Indiana they have a maximum price law, specifying the most that may be charged for any given text book. Upon investigation, I have found this law generally satisfactory to the taxpayers but unsatisfactory to teachers and pupils. In general, cheap and inferior books are in use in Indiana, as compared with Michigan. My suggestion would be to provide by law that any given text book sold in Michigan as cheap as the same book

SPANISH WAR VETS WILL ENTERTAIN G. A. R. SOLDEIRS

At Meeting of Last Evening, Veterans of Spanish American War Name Executive Committee to Prepare for Big Reunion of Next Year—Will Have Members of G. A. R. Posts as Guests.

The remaining members of the Grand Old Army of the Republic in the upper peninsula will be the guests of the upper peninsula veterans of the Spanish-American war at the reunion to take place in August of next year. The place named for the reunion is Houghton and for at least three and possibly four days the veterans both of '91 and '98 will fraternize.

An executive committee was named at last evening's meeting to look after the preliminary plans for the celebration. This committee is composed of the following: Capt. George Millar of Houghton, chairman; Commander Angus MacDonald of Houghton, Adjutant W. Frank James of Hancock, Vice Commander Henry Hecker of Houghton, Jacob Jarvis of Painesdale and George Osborn of Freda. This committee will immediately begin making preparations for the reunion. Sub-committees will be named for the different towns of the upper peninsula.

It is the plan of the Houghton veterans to give dances, card parties and entertain in different ways during the next few months for the purpose of raising their portion of the money necessary for the successful holding of the reunion.

The reunion is to be one for all upper peninsula veterans. Although the plans for the reunion have not been completed as yet, a rough sketch of the enjoyments to be had has been drawn up. One day will be given over to a picnic either at White City, Freda park, or some other popular copper country pleasure resort. Another day will be devoted to meetings and the perfecting of a permanent organization to have charge of succeeding reunions. More meetings will be held.

This would make the cost considerably less and at the same time not restrict the latitude of choice of text books."

Mr. Wright then took up matters of general school law which are busy to the average school officer, the discussion largely taking the form of questions and answers. After the meeting, he spoke highly of the character and ability of the members of the school boards of Houghton county as represented at the meeting, and those present expressed themselves as well repaid for their attendance.

Mr. Wright left yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Ontonagon where he will conduct a similar meeting of Ontonagon county officers.

ings will be held the third day and some prominent speaker from the upper peninsula will be asked to come to Houghton and talk on different subjects. If a fourth day is decided upon it will probably be given over the holding of a dance or some other social function.

WILL FIGHT CASE.

The case of Theodore Libermann, and partners, charged with keeping their place of business in the village of South Range, open on Sunday evening, will be tried in the court of Judge Jacob Jarvis in that village tomorrow evening. The defendants have pled not guilty, and propose to fight the case. A crusade was recently inaugurated by Marshal Basse to keep the stores closed on Sunday evening and it is meeting with very good results.

PRODUCT OF LOCAL BUILDERS.

Napanee, R. C. Pryor's new Cruising Motor Boat, Makes Appearance.

Evidence of the ability of Bert Fletcher and his Ripley boat factory may be secured by inspecting the trim little craft "Napanee," R. C. Pryor's possession, which was recently completed in the Ripley boat yards and which made its first appearance on Portage lake yesterday for a trial run. The boat bears the same name as Mr. Pryor's other boat from which he removed the engine during the past summer and which engine he has installed in the new launch.

The "Napanee" is a roomy craft and is 47.5 feet in length over all and has a beam of 9.5. The engine is capable of developing a horse power of sixty-five. The estimated speed is sixteen miles an hour and yesterday on its trial run it ran twelve miles an hour. An open cabin is found over the greater length of the craft and it is equipped with a wide cockpit aft. Mahogany has been used in the finish of the boat.

TAKEN TO COLDWATER.

Houghton County Orphans to Be Placed in State Institution.

Three orphans of Houghton county, who have been kept during the past at the Good Will Farm, will leave today in charge of Mrs. Walker for Coldwater where they will be placed in the state school for orphans.

Good Will Farm now has its first colored inmates, two little children having been placed in charge of the matron recently. No one has as yet contributed the motor and other paraphernalia desired by the officers of the farm and it is hoped that some one will come forward with a gift in the near future.

NEW UNIFORMS ORDERED.

Sixty New Olive Drab Suits Expected by Officers of Co. G.

The sixty new olive drab uniforms for which an order was recently sent in by Capt. Martin Foley are expected to arrive in Houghton today, and will be worn by the boys in the parade.

previous to the football game with the Naval Reserves which is to take place at the Hancock driving park Sunday afternoon. The line-up of the Light Infantry eleven has not been selected as yet. About twenty-five or thirty members of the company are out trying for the team and those who are to play will be selected tomorrow evening.

The uniforms for the indoor baseball team are expected to arrive at any time. They are gray with red trimmings.

EQUIPMENT FOR GARAGE.

Carload of Tools Arrives for the New Houghton Company.

Workmen are engaged in the building occupied by the Northern Michigan Garage & Supply Co. installing a carload of machinery which arrived recently. A radial drill, twenty-four inch shaper, small lathe and other tools form the equipment for the shop. The garage, when all the tools are in place, will resemble a miniature machine shop. A motor will be shortly installed to furnish the power for the operation of these machines.

The company has already engaged in business and the first automobile was repaired there Wednesday morning.

COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT.

Billboard Construction Matter May Be Brought Up for Attention.

A regular monthly meeting of the village council will be held this evening. In addition to routine business nothing of exceptional interest is scheduled for attention except that the matter of construction of advertising bill boards within the city limits may be dealt with.

The construction of an immense billboard at the corner of Sheldon and Portage streets has been stopped by President Miller who acted under the fire limits ordinance. Much comment has been passed among those interested in the city's welfare in regard to billboards. Some argue that billboards are unsightly and that the erection of billboards at different corners should be prohibited. Others hold that the boards are nothing but fences which serve an advertising purpose.

THIRD ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW.

Although it is a matter of some months before the third annual Houghton county poultry show will open, preparations are already being made by Secretary John McNamara to make the exhibition bigger and better than ever. The premium list is now being compiled by the secretary and although this is a tedious problem, it is expected that it will soon be completed.

The number of regular premiums this year will be about the same as ever. In addition a large number of special awards are being planned for.

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KRELLWITZ BEATS FOTCH.

Clever Houghton Roller Skater Victor Over the Veteran.

Clarence Krellwitz, the clever Houghton roller skater, defeated the veteran, Jack Fotch, who is performing on rollers this week at the Amphidrome. In a match race last evening, the contest was nip and tuck through out. Krellwitz taking the lead and then being overtaken by Fotch. At the end of the sixteenth lap (one mile), Krellwitz was leading by the narrowest of margins. It will now be necessary for one or two more races to take place Saturday evening when Fotch concludes his engagement here. Fotch and Krellwitz skated to a tie in a race last Monday evening. The one who is pronounced winner, must be the victor in two of the races. Krellwitz now has one to his credit and if he can win another Saturday evening, he will have secured a complete triumph over Fotch.

At the exhibition next Saturday evening, Fotch will repeat his German comedian act and also do some trick and fancy skating in evolutions. Last evening, he entertained the skaters present with some colored comedy, cakewalking and dancing. His German comedian act consists of a buck and wing dance in German costume.

BURIAL IN FOREST HILL.

The funeral of Miss Jennie Mattson, the two and one-half year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mattson of Dollar Bay, will take place tomorrow afternoon from the Dollar Bay Swedish church, Rev. Heldemann of Calumet officiating. The funeral procession will come to Houghton where interment will be made in Forest Hill cemetery. Death occurred Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock, acute appendicitis being the cause.

Under Sheriff W. H. Vivian left this morning for Felkie to take charge of a delinquent child. The child will have hearing before Judge Bentley in the juvenile court Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Miller have gone to Chicago for a short visit with friends in the "Windy City." In the absence of President Miller, President Pro-Tem Fred Stoyle will act as chairman at the council meeting this evening.

The Atlantic firemen's dance takes place in the fire hall at Atlantic tomorrow evening.

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